CRiTORA

Character Document

CHESTER PESTFRELON

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Characters

CHESTER PESTFRELON is a 15-year-old hornet CRiTORA who resides in the Garden District. He is a gloomy bug who doesn't seem welcoming at first sight, though he never means ill-will and wants to protect his friends from pests. Although he's cool and calm, he isn't sociable and reacts with attitude when things go wrong. Acting as an unofficial guardian before the Infestation Invasion, he filters out pesky Sap-slurping LiFEFORMS (aphids) from gardens with his handy pesticide funnel, which can also sizzle out ViRUSES, though it can make CRiTORA temporarily ill. When infected, he still remains conscious of himself, but will provoke any CRiTORA behind his infection and pour his pesticide, which deals great harm to CRiTORA. He is the caretaker of Ross, his pet ViRTUE.

V-R ViRTUE (nicknamed **ROSS**) is a beaver-like ViRTUE, an early prototypical creature of the ViRUSES. It is caring and loyal to all CRiTORA and is willing to help them out compared to the ViRUSES. Like a beaver, Ross is also quick and resourceful, being able to build small barriers and contraptions with only its sharp buck teeth and wide flat tail whenever necessary. However, his ever-lasting appetite can cause him to chew through walls and eat up a tree or a tall pile of food without putting on weight. It is the pet of Chester Pestfrelon

Backstory

V-R was one of many ViRTUES who played around with their creator, Bianca Creatophage. Due to their food being shared by the other ViRTUES, V-R is constantly hungry, and as such, Bianca is constantly annoyed whenever V-R chews up a wall or invention of hers. One day, when Bianca was rummaging the Industrial District's dump, she accidentally falls into the dump's trash hole, with her other ViRTUES following suit. Chum Buckebin immediately notices and closes the gate. V-R tried to catch up, but was too far behind, resulting in the doors shutting on him. Chum approaches the worried ViRTUE, who quickly runs away from him and the Industrial District.

V-R fled throughout CRiTOPiA, hiding wherever possible, until it grew hungry and stopped in the forest of the Garden District. He chews up a whole apple tree, which catches the attention of Chester Pestfrelon in the middle of his usual sprinkling. He approaches the ViRTUE, laying on the stump of the now eaten tree. Awakened, V-R ran away in fear. Chester chases after V-R throughout the forest before it hides inside a tree. He assures the ViRTUE that it's okay and lends it out with a stick spotted with leaves, which the ViRTUE munches at. From there, Chester befriends V-R, naming it "Ross." Not knowing Ross' creator or why it was in the forest, he assumes Ross is a LiFEFORM and tended his farm to feed the ever-hungry Ross, which he kept inside his house and didn't talk much about.

Later, on the day of the Infestation Invasion, he attempts to protect the Garden District and fight the ViRUSES, creatures that look similar to Ross but behave viciously, and grows concerned about Ross's whereabouts. Unlike most CRiTORA, he was one of the few who didn’t get infected during the ViRUS raid, due to his capability of combating ViRUSES with his pesticide and sharp
claws and fleeing away with swift speed and agility. Knowing Ross had never been harmful, he takes Ross from his home and saves a few of the Garden residents from being infected, hiding them in his secret burrow at the forest filled with emergency food.

Chester questions himself about the ViRUSES while hiding his own ViRTUE to prevent scarring the survivors. However, the survivors notice Chester being shaken and they become shocked when Ross espaces from Chester's inventory and reveals itself, much to Chester's worry. Chester quickly reassures them that Ross wasn't harmful. It was just hungry. The survivors, seeing Ross eat up a pile of food and staring at the others curiously, accept that the creature wasn't viral, but was virtue, making them all reassured for the rest of their hiding.

The next day, Chester awakens, seeing nobody in his burrow aside from Ross, who was asleep inside a food pile. He soon discovers that everyone in the district (except for Ross) has forgotten about the invasion, confusing him beyond belief when he showed his ViRTUE to the public and was met with fear and distress. The new guardian, Fianna Croiglan, orders Chester to leave the district immediately to keep the peace of the district. It was met with controversy from the residents, who wanted Chester's "ViRUS" to be gone. Fianna would later question herself on why she didn't provoke Ross in the first place. From that point onward, Chester would abandon his farm and reside in his burrow along with his ViRTUE, who was currently his only friend. While figuring out how to regain his reputation, he was quickly running out of money and fruit from the forest to feed Ross.

One night, Chester anonymously visited the Industrial District to find a way to make food for Ross, but would instead meet the CRiViRUS Gang (Dundun, Pluto, Me Him) in an alleyway, who unleashes a ViRUS of theirs to infect Chester after refusing to join their gang. Despite being infected, he provokes the gang, nearly pouring pesticide onto Pluto, who disinfects Chester in panic. Chester threatens the gang to never step foot in the Garden District, believing the gang were turning the harmless ViRTUES into harmful ViRUSES, and as such, he did not want them to get ahold of Ross. As such, he continued to live in his burrow, and when nothing was left to feed Ross, he planned to start stealing crops from the Garden District as a last resort.

Debut Story (Guard My Garden)

Iggy is taking care of his garden at the Garden District. Bebe is helping him out and chatting about something. Suddenly, Chester steals from Iggy and Bebe's farm, causing a feared ruckus between the residents and their guardian, Fianna, who is unsure of how to resolve things without peace and calmness. Iggy and Bebe bring the rest of the CRiTORA Squad into the situation and are informed by Fianna's gnome assistant, Dr. David Gnomedome, that Chester might be one of the CRiViRUS Gang that could bring trouble with ViRUSES, recalling when Chester revealed his most horrible possession: a "ViRUS."

While the squad split up to search for the hornet and find any leads, Iggy talks to Gnomedome about Chester, who reminisces the time he mentored him about protecting their gardens. Dr. Gnomedome wonders what Chester got into him and wishes he (Dr. Gnomedome) stayed in his place. Iggy wonders if Chester had a reasoning behind his robbery. Eventually, while Nick and Howie are trying to find clues, they spot Chester flying towards the district. They alert the CRiTORA Squad, who make quick work of the bug with their wits. Chester is captured and thrown into prison, which instantly makes the headlines and motivates the CRiViRUS Gang to finally invade the Garden District with a few of their ViRUSES, who infect a few of the residents and one of the Squad members. Fianna, sensing great harm done by the ViRUSES, comes into the scene and bulldozes the ViRUSES before getting captured by the CRiViRUS Gang.

Iggy, desperate for help and remembering his talk with Dr. Gnomedome, breaks Chester out of prison, who flees with Iggy to his secret burrow in the forest, much to Iggy's confusion and the Squad's worry. Bebe quickly follows Chester’s trail. Inside, Iggy questions Chester, who was looking around for "someone." When Chester turns to Iggy, Ross peeks up from above his head and approaches Iggy, who immediately tries to delete them with DiSiNFECTiON Spray. Ross doesn't get deleted and instead follows Iggy's head turns (like that one scene with Yum-Yum and Cobbler in Thief and Cobbler). While Ross rubs its head on a profound Iggy, Chester claims that Ross is nothing like any other ViRUS. He explains that before the ViRUSES stepped foot in CRiTOPiA, he found Ross in the woods, lost and abandoned, and after he (Chester) got prohibited from the district, had to resort to stealing Iggy's food to feed the ever-hungry Ross. Chester apologizes and Iggy regains his trust for him.

Chester and Iggy decide to go back and save their district, and after convincing Bebe on their way out of the forest, the three disinfect all the V-CRiTORA, save Fianna, and make the CRiViRUS Gang flee from the scene. The Garden District, including Fianna, regain their respect for Chester, and the CRiTORA Squad celebrate their victory while Chester and Iggy privately show Fianna the ViRTUE. She is convinced that Chester and his pet aren't a threat, though they agree not to show Ross to the public again until the time is right. Dr. Gnomedome, though, remained confused about Chester’s comeback.